

I claim:

1. A method for valuing patent assets, comprising: identifying patent assets; identifying a plurality of licensing targets for the patent assets; determining a plurality of license fee data for the plurality of licensing targets, respectively; and determining a value of the patent assets in function of the plurality of license fee data.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is performed in a networked computing environment.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of licensing targets are identified, respectively, in function of technological overlap between the identified patent assets and patent assets of the plurality of licensing targets, respectively.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the value of the patent assets is further determined in function of tax data.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the value of the patent assets is further determined in function of license program cost data.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the value of the patent assets is further determined in function of license fee collection risk data.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the value of the patent assets is further determined in function of cash flow discounting data.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the value is a net present value.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the license fee data are determined in function of the patent assets, licensing target revenue data and a royalty rate.

10. A method for valuing patent assets, comprising: identifying a patent holder; identifying patent assets of the patent holder; identifying a plurality of licensing targets for the patent assets; determining a plurality of license fee data for the plurality of licensing targets, respectively; and determining a value of the patent assets in function of the plurality of license fee data.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the method is performed in a networked computing environment.

12. The method of claim 10, wherein the plurality of licensing targets are identified, respectively, in function of technological overlap between the identified patent assets and patent assets of the plurality of licensing targets, respectively.

13. The method of claim 10, wherein the value of the patent assets is further determined in function of tax data.

14. The method of claim 10, wherein the value of the patent assets is further determined in function of license program cost data.

15. The method of claim 10, wherein the value of the patent assets is further determined in function of license fee collection risk data.

16. The method of claim 10, wherein the value of the patent assets is further determined in function of cash flow discounting data.

17. The method of claim 10, wherein the value is a net present value.

18. The method of claim 10, wherein the license fee data are determined in function of the patent assets, licensing target revenue data and a royalty rate.

19. A networked computing system, comprising:

an end-user station having a user interface, for interacting with a user, and  
a network interface, for interacting with a network,

wherein the end-user station interacts with the network to determine a  
5 value of patent assets in response to identification of the patent assets in an  
interaction involving the user, and wherein the value of patent assets is  
determined in function of a plurality of projected license fee data for a respective  
plurality of projected licensing targets.

20. The system of claim 19, wherein the interaction with the network  
10 includes identifying the plurality of projected licensing targets.

21. The system of claim 19, wherein the value is a net present value.

22. The system of claim 19, wherein the interaction with the network  
includes search queries in one or more databases.

23. A software program having instructions for interacting with an end-  
15 user station, a user and a network to determine a value of patent assets in  
function of a plurality of projected license fee data for a respective plurality of  
projected licensing targets.

24. The software program of claim 23, wherein the value of the patent  
assets is further determined in function of tax data.

20 25. The software program of claim 23, wherein the value of the patent  
assets is further determined in function of license program cost data.

26. The software program of claim 23, wherein the value of the patent  
assets is further determined in function of license fee collection risk data.

27. The software program of claim 23, wherein the value of the patent assets is further determined in function of cash flow discounting data.

28. The software program of claim 23, wherein the value is a net present value.

5 29. The software program of claim 23, wherein the projected licensing targets are identified in function of technological overlap between the patent assets being valued and patent assets of the projected licensing targets.

30. A method for valuing patent assets, comprising: identifying a plurality of licensing targets in function of a projected interest in licensing the  
10 patent assets; determining a plurality of projected license fee data for the plurality of licensing targets, respectively; and determining a value of the patent assets in function of the plurality of projected license fee data.

31. The method of claim 30, wherein the method is performed in a networked computing environment.

15 32. The method of claim 30, wherein the projected interest is determined in function of technological overlap of the patent assets being valued with patent assets of the licensing targets.

33. The method of claim 30, wherein at least one of the plurality of licensing targets is a single unaffiliated company.

20 34. The method of claim 30, wherein at least one of the plurality of licensing targets is a group of affiliated companies.

35. The method of claim 30, wherein the projections are made over a period of interest.

36. The method of claim 35, wherein the period of interest is determined in function of a statute of limitations for patent infringement.

37. The method of claim 35, wherein the period of interest is determined in function of a maximum patent term.